

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:                      Confirmation Number: 6452  
TOMOYASU, et al.

Application No.: 10/736,983                      Group Art Unit: 2121

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Title: METHOD OF OPERATING A SYSTEM FOR CHEMICAL OXIDE REMOVAL

AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 2, 2009, for which a response is due on January 2, 2010. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.